

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
CHARLOTTE DIVISION
3:16-CR-00083-RJC-DCK

USA

v.

DEAN PAUL STITZ

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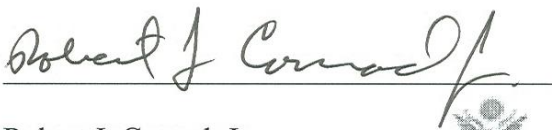
ORDER

THIS MATTER comes before the Court upon the defendant's motion for a copy of the Statement of Reasons, (Doc. No. 25), which was filed by the Court under seal. (Doc. No. 55).

The defendant believes the document is a letter written to his former lawyer after the defendant filed a pro se notice of appeal. (Doc. No. 55: Motion at 1). He does not know why the letter was filed and seeks disclosure to evaluate the importance of the document for post-conviction relief efforts. (Doc. No. 55: Motion at 1-2). The defendant is mistaken. A judge states in open court the reasons for a particular sentence and then provides a Statement of Reasons form to the United States Probation Office, the United States Sentencing Commission, and the Bureau of Prisons, along with the Judgment. 18 U.S.C. § 3553(c). Here, the defendant has not indicated any issue which would be impacted by disclosure of the sealed form.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that defendant's Motion to Obtain Sealed Document, (Doc. No. 55), is **DENIED**.

Signed: December 2, 2021



Robert J. Conrad, Jr.

United States District Court